God's Design for Man and Woman
Chapter 4: What Did the Early Church Do?

1. How were you encouraged, challenged or informed by this chapter's teaching?

2. How does this chapter show the pattern of male leadership, which was characteristic of the OT and was perpetrated in Jesus' appointment of the twelve, continuing in the early church?

3. From page 134-136, how do we see similarities in the treatment of men and women?

4. The authors go into a lot of detail regarding the role of women in the early church (pages 132-143). From their retelling, was there a particular woman whose role in the early church you found to be encouraging or challenging?

5. From the top of page 142, what is the difference between Old Testament and New Testament prophets?

6. On the bottom of page 157, the authors say: "Interpreting narrative references to men and women is a dedicated task…For this reason it's important methodologically to supplement one's study of narrative passages with an investigation of passages that are explicitly designed to instruct believers in the churches on the subject at hand." In other words, the study of the role of men and women must be done with Biblical passages that speak to such questions. But we often come to those passages with our own cultural understanding and expectations.
    a) How have you seen your own cultural expectation and understanding of the role of men and women differ from what the Bible says?

7. How did this book help your understanding of “God’s Design for Man and Woman” as described in the Bible?